

UNIT HISTORY

The 5th Military Police Battalion's (CID) lineage and honors trace back to 26 December 1942 when the unit was constituted in the Army as the 5th Section, Criminal Investigation. The unit was activated on 25 January 1943 at Fort Custer, Michigan. They were then reorganized and re-designated twice, the first time on 28 September 1944 as the 5th Military Police Criminal Investigation Section and again on 29 December 1944 as the 5th Military Police Criminal Investigation Detachment.

The unit subsequently went through a series of activations and inactivations. On 15 March 1949, they were inactivated in Germany and then allotted on 8 June 1949 to the Regular Army. They were then again activated on 20 June 1949 in Washington, DC until 19 May 1954. They were then redesignated on 31 July 1956 as the 5th Military Police Detachment and reactivated on 15 August 1956 in Italy until 9 June 1969. They were again activated for duty in Vietnam for the period of 8 March 1971 to 15 August 1972. They were most recently activated on 1 October 1983 in Germany and reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1996 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 5th Military Police Battalion (CID). The HHD deployed from 20 February 2011 to 6 February 2012 to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn.

The 5th Military Police Battalion (CID) campaign participation credits include three campaigns during World War II in Normandy, Northern France, and Rhineland, and four campaigns during Vietnam including Counteroffensive, Phase VII, Consolidation I and II, and Cease-Fire, and most recently, the final campaign of Operation New Dawn.

The 5th Military Police Battalion (CID) includes four detachments with 13 offices and a Protective Services Unit responsible for Title 10 criminal investigations throughout the western and central European region.

The Battalion's motto is "Professional Always" and its Soldiers are known as "The Professionals."